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POST OFFICES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new branch post offices/sub-post offices proposed to be opened in Bihar particularly in Palamu and Gadawa districts during 2000-2001, district-wise; and;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for improvement in postal services including modernisation of postal/mail offices in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) A target for opening of 75 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 7 Departmental Sub Post Offices has been fixed for Bihar State during the Annual Plan 2000-2001. Post Offices are opened on norms based justification, availability of resources and sanctioning of Extra Departmental Agent Posts by Ministry of Finance.No separate target has been fixed for Palamu and Gadawa Districts.

(b) Eleven mail offices namely Patna RMS, Gaya RMS, Ranchi RMS, Darbhanga RMS, Patna CSO, Chapra RMS, Samastipur RM Tata Nagar RMS, Motihari RMS, Bokaro Steel City RMS and DaltonGanj RMS have been modernised upto 31-3-2000.

A target of 600 extra departmental branch post offices for providing infrastructural equipments in Bihar has been fixed during the current Annual Plan 2000-2001. 4 Head Post Offices namelyChapra Head Office, Katihar Head Office, Motihari Head Office and Sitamarhi Head Office and three mail offices namely Katihar RMS, Dhanbad RMS, Sonpur RMS are proposed to be modernise during the current Annual Plan 2000-2001. Similarly 1 Transit Mail Office at Patna RMS is also proposed to be computerised during the current annual Plan.